

PROJECT GO – Get Outdoors
June 10-11, 2006
Held in conjunction with Free Fishing Weekend
Motor Vehicle Permit required for entry to State Parks and Recreation Areas

Web Site Address: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_36576---,00.html

LOCATION	EVENT	DATE	TIMES	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION
Alcona County Harrisville State Park	Harrisville Hoedown and Family Fun Day	Saturday, June 10, 2006	3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Harrisville State Park 989-724-5126	Bring the whole family for an entire day of fun and games at the Harrisville Hoedown. The fun begins with kids games from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the day use area. Grill hot dogs and enjoy the fixings before square dancers start their do-si-does at 6 p.m. The evening wraps up with a lantern-lit tour of the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse at 8:30 p.m.
Baraga County Baraga State Park	Baraga County Lake Trout Festival	June 10-11, 2006	Variable	Baraga County Tourist and Recreation Association 1-800-743-4908 bctra@up.net	Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament with family-oriented events such as a volleyball tournament, street dance, “Miss Superior” contest, pancake breakfast and a local Lions Club “ducky river race” fundraiser. Entertainment for the entire family also will include a kid’s carnival, free music in the lakefront pavilion, a water-ski show and an arts and crafts fair. Fun for all ages.
Bay County Bay City State Recreation Area, Saginaw Bay Visitor Center	Free Family Fishing Derby	Sunday, June 11, 2006	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Valerie Blaschka 989-667-1894	Free family fishing derby, kids casting contest, fishing clinic, fly fishing workshop and more for all ages. 100 fishing poles are available. Bait and refreshments are included.
Cheboygan County Cheboygan State Park	Guided Hike	Saturday, June 10, 2006	10 a.m.	Paul Koszegi 231-627-3931	Explore the ruins of the old lighthouse. Meet at 10 a.m. at the trailhead parking area for a guided hike to the site. Then, head back to the Poe Reef cabin for lunch and the remainder of the three-mile hike.
Cheboygan County Cheboygan Field Office	Youth Fishing Tournament	Saturday, June 10, 2006	8 a.m. to noon	Louise Cotter 231-627-9578	Join the fun at the second annual youth fishing tournament, on the banks of the Cheboygan River in front of the Cheboygan Field Office. Fishing starts at 8 a.m. and runs until noon. Hot dogs, prizes and Smokey Bear will make a guest appearance. It’s Free Fishing Weekend so adults are welcome, but the tournament is for ages 5-16.

Crawford County Hartwick Pines State Park	Project GO	Saturday June 10, 2006	Variable	Hartwick Pines State Park 989-348-7068	The fun kicks off with a children's fishing contest. Since it's Free Fishing Weekend, adults can join the fun and cast a line too. All fishing regulations still apply. Live critter presentations at 3 p.m. at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center and at 7 p.m. in the campground. Waters RV will have the very latest in recreational vehicles on display in the day use area. Guided tours of the mountain bike trails. Other demonstrations throughout the day included at the Logging Museum and guided tours of the Old Growth Trail.
Huron County Sleeper State Park	Guided Hike and Animal Petting Zoo	Saturday June 10, 2006	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Sleeper State Park 989-856-4411	Enjoy a guided trail hike at 10 a.m. Meet at the campground host campsite. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a petting zoo and horse-drawn rides will be available.
Iosco County Tawas Point State Park	Celebration Days	June 10-11, 2006	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Tawas Point State Park 989-362-5041	Celebrate the pioneer spirit in the Tawas Area. Activities include tomahawk throwing, old-time games, candlemaking, fishing derby, nature hikes and traditional music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tawas State Park, all events are held in the day use areas and on the lighthouse grounds.
Ingham County Meridian Charter Township Harris Nature Center	Stomp and Tromp Hike	Saturday June 10, 2006	4 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Kit Rich 517-349-3866	Experience guided hikes, geo-caching, a snack station, a campfire and more. \$2 per person. Free fishing for children aged 5 to 17 is available at the township's Central Park Pond.
Mackinac and Cheboygan Counties Mackinac Historic State Parks	Various Activities	Saturday June 10, 2006	Variable	Web Site: www.mackinacparks.com	The full summer schedule opens this weekend at Mackinac Island, Fort Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek. Visit the web site for a complete events listing of the weekend.
Oakland County Bald Mountain Recreation Area	Volunteer Steward Workday	Saturday, June 10, 2006	9 a.m. to noon	Laurel Malvitz 248-685-2187 malvitzl@michigan.gov	Help protect the rare wetlands of the Graham Lake Fen Complex by removing garlic mustard. Meet at the parking lot just east of 2430 W. Predmore, the only driveway on the north side of the road besides the East Graham Boat Launch.
Oakland County Highland Recreation Area	Volunteer Steward Workday at the Silo Field Trial Area	Saturday June 10, 2006	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Laurel Malvitz 248-685-2187 malvitzl@michigan.gov	Join ongoing efforts to restore this area to an open grassland. Volunteers will be hauling and piling brush and stacking fire wood. Meet at the Silo Field Trial Area parking lot off Livingston Road, between Pettibone Lake and Beaumont Roads.

Washtenaw County Pinckney Recreation Area	Ann Arbor Triathlon/ Duathlon	Sunday, June 11, 2006	Register: 6:45 a.m. Race: 8 a.m.	Elite Endeavors www.eliteendeavors.com/aainfo.html	Swim, bike and run for this popular annual race. Internet registration only. No on-site registrations accepted.
Washtenaw County Waterloo Recreation Area	Volunteer Steward Workday	Sunday, June 11, 2006	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Laurel Malvitz 248-685-2187 malvitzl@michigan.gov	Help plant native prairie grasses along an interpretive trail near the Discovery Center. Meet at the Discovery Center parking lot off Bush Road.
Wexford County Mitchell State Park and Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center	Family Fishing and Boating Safety Course	June 10-11, 2006	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Rick Torres 231-779-1321 Boating Safety Course 231-779-9206	Saturday, June 10, will feature a Family Fishing Contest from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants must register, in person, at the center by noon. Fish entries caught this day must be checked in at the center prior to 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 3:30 p.m. in the classroom at the center. Eligible candidates must be present at drawing to receive a prize. Fishing skills activities and simulations will be presented throughout the day. Fishing tackle and bait will be available for use by the public free of charge, refreshments will be served and trophy fish will be on display. A Boating Safety Class will be held Sunday, June 11 in cooperation with the Wexford County Sheriff's Department. Registration is required by calling 231-779-9206.
All Locations	Bird Watching Activities	June 10-11, 2006	Variable	Glenn Palmgren 517-373-7844 palmgreg@michigan.gov	Everyone is invited to participate in Project GO-Get Outdoors by going birding (observing and identifying wild birds) in your favorite Michigan state park or recreation area. Show your support for these unique pieces of land and their importance to the birding community. Help to increase everyone's knowledge of birds' use of state parks and recreation areas during the breeding season.